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Baseball team wins over Nelson, Gretna

Appomattox County High School's Raider varsity baseball team improved its hitting and corrected some mental errors to win two games last week, with a 9-2 victory over Nelson Tuesday, and a 5-2 win against Gretna Friday.

The Raiders, who had suffered from a dearth of hitting and excess errors in their season-opening loss to Rustburg, jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first inning of Tuesday's game against Nelson, on hits by Paul Johnson and R.L. Waldo, and a base on balls by Gary Ferguson.

Nelson tied the game in the second inning on a solo home run, but in the botton of that inning, the Raiders went ahead again when Neal Kelso led off with a triple, then scored on Mike Ferguson's single.

But Nelson came back in their half of the third, tying the game 2-2 with two hits and a base on balls. The Raiders pulled ahead to stay in their half of the third inning, when Waldo singled, and Mike Jackson hit a home run. Jay Chenault scored a third run in that inning when he walked, stole second base, then scored on a base hit by Kelso.

The Raiders scored four more runs in the sixth inning. Tom Cobb walked, pinch hitter Lonnie Hamlett hit a double, Paul Johnson got a hit, Gary Ferguson got a double, and Russell Walton got a hit in that inning.

Mike Jackson was the winning pitcher against Nelson, pitching five innings. Paul Johnson pitched the sixth and seventh innings in relief.

Johnson went three for four at the plate, scored two runs and drove in two runs. R.L. Waldo went two for two at bat, and drove in a run. Neal Kelso also had a good day at the plate, hitting twice in three at-bats. The Raiders had nine runs on 12 hits.

In Friday's game against Gretna, The Raiders scored in the top of the first inning, when starting pitcher Paul Johnson hit a double, then scored on a ground out by Mike Jackson. Gretna tied the game in the bottom of the first after two hits and a stolen base.

The Raiders took a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth inning, when Mike Ferguson reached first base on an error, moved to second on a sacrifice by Mike Chandler, then scored on a hit by Paul Johnson.

In the botton of the sixth inning, Gretna tied the game 2-2 on a double and a single.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Raiders put the game away with three runs. Pinch hitter Tom Cobb led off with a single, then moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Mike Ferguson.

Tony Chandler had a bunt single which left runners on first and third base, then Chandler stole second to put runners on second and third bases.

Next, Gary Ferguson hit a line single to right field to score both runners. Ferguson then stole second and third bases on the next two pitches, and when the catcher tried to throw Ferguson out at third, the third-baseman missed the ball and Ferguson went in to score the Raiders' third run of the inning.

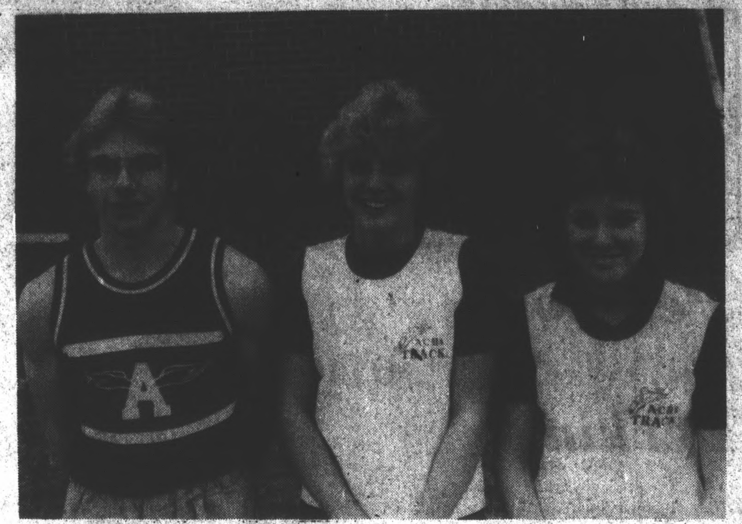
In the Gretna half of the seventh inning, reliever Mike Jackson set the Hawks down one-two-three to end the game.

Paul Johnson went three for four at the plate, had one double and one RBI, and Gary Ferguson had two RBIs in the game.

"Our pitching was good in this game," commented Raider coach Howard Clabough. "Johnson got nine strike outs, and Jackson got three in the relief win."

"Baserunning was instrumental in the win against Gretna," Clabough continued. "We had seven stolen bases. Gary Ferguson had three, and Tony Chandler and Phil Bollinger had two each." The Raiders recorded ten hits against Gretna. "We picked up on our hitting, and cut down on errors. That's what we had to do after that first loss.

The Raiders, with a 2-1 record, were scheduled to play William Campbell Monday after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Today (Wednesday) the Raiders are slated to play Liberty, and Friday the team is slated to play Brookville, with both games beginning at 4 p.m. at the field behind the high school.



Todd Thompson, Kim Shupe, and April Archer (from left) were chosen by the ACHS track coaching staff as the outstanding track athletes this week, because of dedication and hard work.

Trackmen compete

The Appomattox boys' and girls' track teams placed third and second consecutively, in a three-way meet last week with Altavista and Gretna.

In the boys' meet, Appomattox scored 17 points, Altavista scored 70, and Gretna scored 80 points.

For Appomattox, Todd Scruggs placed fourth in the discus and the 400-meter run; Tommy Richardson placed fourth in the high jump; Roger Willis placed third in the pole vault competition; Jack Williams placed third in the 3200-meter run; Pete Baldwin placed fourth in the 3200-meter run; and Malcolm Miller placed fourth in the 1600-meter run, and placed first in the 800-meter run.

In the girls' meet, Appomattox scored 24.5 points, Altavista scored 108.5 points, and Gretna scored eight points.

For the Appomattox team, Kim Shupe placed second in the high jump and fourth in the 400 meters; Nancy Cole placed second in the discus throw; P.D. Myrick placed fourth in the 3200-meter run; April Archer placed second in the hurdles; Teresa Austin placed fourth in the hurdles; Rhonda Morgan placed fourth in the 100-meter run; Lynn Robinson placed third in the 1600-meter run and in the 800-meter run; and Janet Smith placed second in the 200-meter run, and first in the 400-meter run.

Appomattox was scheduled to compete in a meet Monday against Prince Edward after the **Times-Virginian** deadline, and the team will compete against Liberty and William Campbell Thursday at William Campbell.

Softball team wins

Rebounding from a season-opening loss, Appomattox County High School's Raiderette softball team put together back-to-back wins in games against Gretna and Nelson County last week.

The Raiderettes won a close one last Tuesday against Nelson County, 10-9.

Appomattox jumped to an early lead, with four runs in the first inning, and three runs in the second. Nelson stormed back in the third inning, narrowing the Raiderette lead to 7-5. Both teams scored a run in the fourth inning, and Nelson tied the score at 8-8 with two runs in the fifth. Neither team could score in the sixth or seventh inning, and the game went an extra inning, when the Raiderettes scored twice to Nelson's single run, to ice the game at 10-9.

Offensive leaders for Appomattox included Marsha Cheatham (three runs, two hits, three stolen bases), Kim Hancock (four runs, two hits, including a double and a home run, two stolen bases and two RBIs), Janet Thomas (two hits, one RBI), Diann Jones (three RBIs), Cheryl Cheatham (two hits, two RBIs), Shelia Mullins (one RBI), and Karen McFadden (two hits, two stolen bases, one RBI).

"This was a good defensive game," Raiderette coach Mary Tolley said. "We had only four errors, but we got 11 hits during the game."

Friday's game with Gretna saw the Raiderettes put together a five-run fourth inning to come from behind and defeat the Hens 8-4.

Gretna scored twice in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead, and the Hens scored twice more in the third inning, after the Raiderettes had scored two runs in their half of the third. Going into the fourth, Gretna led 4-2.

In the fourth, Appomattox exploded for five runs to take a 7-4 lead, and Appomattox scored once more, the final run of the game, in the fifth inning, to ice the 8-4 win.

Marsha Cheatham scored three runs and hit a triple for the Raiderettes; Kim Hancock scored twice; Janet Thomas got two hits, Diann Jones got two RBIs, Vivian Seay had two hits and two RBIs, and Karen McFadden had three RBIs for the Raiderettes.

The Raiderettes had eight runs on ten hits, with two errors.

"The team played with more confidence, and hit the ball better," Tolley said of last week's games. "We were getting hits with base runners in scoring position, and keeping the other teams from doing the same," she added.

Tolley also commended the pitching of Shelia Mullins, who pitched a two-hitter against Gretna.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play William Campbell Monday after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Wednesday, the team will play Liberty, and Friday the Raiderettes are scheduled to play Brookville. All of this week's scheduled games are away, and begin at 4:30.

Boys' tennis team wins over Gretna, Rustburg

Following a 7-2 loss to Liberty, the Raider tennis team recorded victories over Gretna and Rustburg in matches the past two weeks.

The Raiders could master only two victories against a powerful Liberty team March 27, with Freddie Lawson defeating David Copeland 8-0, and the doubles team of Bobby Carter and Freddie Lawson defeating brothers Steve and Henry Scott, 8-3.

The score was reversed in March 30's match with Gretna, when Appomattox took a 7-2 win from the visiting Hawks.

Winning their singles matches for Appomattox were Freddie Lawson (8-0), Bobby Carter (8-1), Mike McCoy (8-3) and Kinkle Robinson (8-2).

In doubles, the Appomattox teams of Lawson-Carter, McCoy-Robinson, and Darrel Conner and Howard Anderson all recorded victories for Appomattox.

The win against Gretna evened the Raiders' record at 2-2, and Appomattox upped that record to 3-2 April 3 with a 6-3 win against Rustburg.

Winning their singles matches were Lawson (8-1), McCoy (9-7), Robinson (8-4) and Howard Anderson (8-6) for the Raiders.

In addition, the Appomattox doubles teams of Lawson-Carter and McCoy-Robinson recorded victories for Raiders.

"The kids are coming around," commented Raider tennis coach Doug Marshall. "If we can get a few days of good weather to practice outside, I think they'll really start to jell as a squad."

Marshall said he is especially pleased with the play of Howard Anderson, who in his debut as the number-six singles player on the team recorded a victory against Rustburg.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest Tuesday after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Friday, the team will play Brookville at home, and next Tuesday, the tennis team will play Altavista at home.

Marshall notes that two matches in the schedule have been moved to different dates. The scheduled April 24 match against Gretna has been re-scheduled for May 2, and the match against Rustburg scheduled for April 27 has been moved to April 30.

Morris on list

Susan M. Morris of Pamplin was recently named to the winter quarter dean's list at Radford University.

Morris, a freshman mathematics major, is the daughter of R. Morris of Route 1, Pamplin.

A student must be enrolled fulltime and have a grade point average of at least 3.4 before being named to the dean's list.

Jayvees have tough time

The Appomattox jayvee baseball team saw its record fall to 3-3 after four tough games in the past week.

The team opened the week with an exciting 12-11 win over Rustburg. The Raiders rallied from an 8-4 deficit for their third win of the season. Offensively, Anthony Kelso, Alex Almond, Barry Phelps, and Jeff Carwile each had two hits to pace the attack. Jeff Motley recorded his second win of the season by pitching 4⅔ innings with 7 strikeouts.

On Friday, the Raiders lost to Gretna 10-5 for their first loss of the season. The game was sloppily played by both teams because of cold and windy conditions. Ricky Dickerson and Danny Williams each had 2 hits and 2 RBI's to lead the Raiders.

The team traveled to Monelison on Saturday for a doubleheader. They lost both games by scores of 9-6 and 9-4. In the first game the bright spots were: Alex Almond-2 hits & 2 RBI's, Andre McCoy-one hit & 2 RBI's, and Jeff Carwile-one hit & 2 RBI's, Brad Mann and Robert Chenault-one hit each.

In the second game, the Raiders tallied only 5 hits. Danny Williams, Danny McFadden, Jeff Motley, Todd Guill, and Scott Dawson had one hit each.

The Raiders have 3 games this week; Monday, Buckingham at home; Wednesday, Liberty away; and Thursday, Jefferson Forest away.

Softball tournament scheduled

A mixed softball tournament will be sponsored by the Campbell County Department of Social Services May 19 and 20 at the Yellow Branch fields off Route 29.

The double-elimination tournament will be for teams consisting of five men and five women. Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Campbell County Emergency Fund, to be used for fuel and emergency services for needy residents in Campbell County.

Entry fee is $60 per team, and the deadline for entry is May 11.

For further information, contact Susan Rosser at the Campbell County Dept. of Social Services (P.O. Box 6, Rustburg, Va. 24588); or call 332-5161, 283-5321, 847-0961 or 369-6671, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekend golf tourney set

The Dogwood Open Golf Tournament at Hat Creek golf course in Brookneal is planned for Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15.

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